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AGR Alumni E-NEWS

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From President Peter Chaires

Brothers,

I am especially excited to share this edition of our Alumni E-news, because it will be the first in a line of many more. We are supercharging communications efforts and look forward to highlighting brothers in action across the state and country, along with the latest events, professional opportunities, points of pride, and news on how Alpha Gamma Rho is giving back - all on a regular basis so you don't miss a beat.

We are able to boost our communications and alumni offerings thanks to *your* contribution dollars at work. Our board is working to make sure the value, pride and fun that comes with AGR membership continues well beyond graduation.

One of the most exciting new offerings is the start of **football parking sales**, along with **three alumni reunion tailgates** this fall. Please read more on those efforts below. The goal is to bring brothers and their families back "home" for some quality time during the fall. This is also a great way to utilize the house and help support its ongoing maintenance.



Thank you as always for your loyalty and support, which continues to make AGR brotherhood both personally and professionally valuable in all our lives.

Sincerely,
Peter Chaires
AGR Alumni Association President

Reserve a Fall Football Parking Spot!

AGR is now offering RESERVED, NO-BLOCK GAME DAY PARKING for all home football games this fall. Secure a spot with your name on it for all seven home games for \$300!

Proceeds go directly toward existing house maintenance needs and programming activities -- restroom improvements will be seen this fall.

The AGR House parking lot will be cleared by 9



a.m. on game days, making way for the reserved parking spaces.

[CLICK for more on how to reserve your space!](#)

Save the Dates: Alumni Reunion Tailgates!

The Collegiate Chapter and Alumni have teamed up to host three tailgate events this football season! Please join us on the Saturdays listed below -- at least two hours before kickoff -- to celebrate AGR memories as well as the chapter's future. Music. Food. Fun for the whole family!

The chapter hopes alumni will come back home for any games, but please mark your calendars for these three special, reunion tailgates:

Sept. 10, Gators v. University of Kentucky

Sept. 17, Gators v. North Texas

Nov. 12, Gators v. South Carolina



Save the Date: Founder's Day 2017

Join us in Gainesville, April 8, 2017, to celebrate AGR-member historic milestones, honorary brothers and scholarship winners! More details to come.



Founder's Day 2016

Brothers Making the News

Brother **Marty McKenna**, who co-operates McKenna Brothers Inc., was honored with the Florida Grower Citrus Achievement Award from [Florida Grower Magazine](#).

Brother **Jimmy Cheek** [decided to step down](#) as Chancellor of UT-Knoxville following notable progress made on his goals for the school becoming a top public research university.

Brother **Randy Hanna** was [appointed interim dean](#) of FSU's Panama City campus, bringing his experience leading the state's largest system of higher education.

Brother **Walter Graham** was given a [Lifetime Achievement Award](#) by the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators.

Brother **William H. "Bill" Stone** of Newberry, Fla., [celebrated his 100th birthday](#) this month. The WWII veteran is a former agriculture teacher and retired president of Wilson and Toomer Fertilizer Company.

In Loving Memory

Bane Cheek

Brother Bane Cheek, 55, passed away on Friday, April 22, 2016, and will be dearly missed by all who knew him. An accomplished and respected educator, Cheek retired in 2008 after teaching for 20 years at Polk Community College.

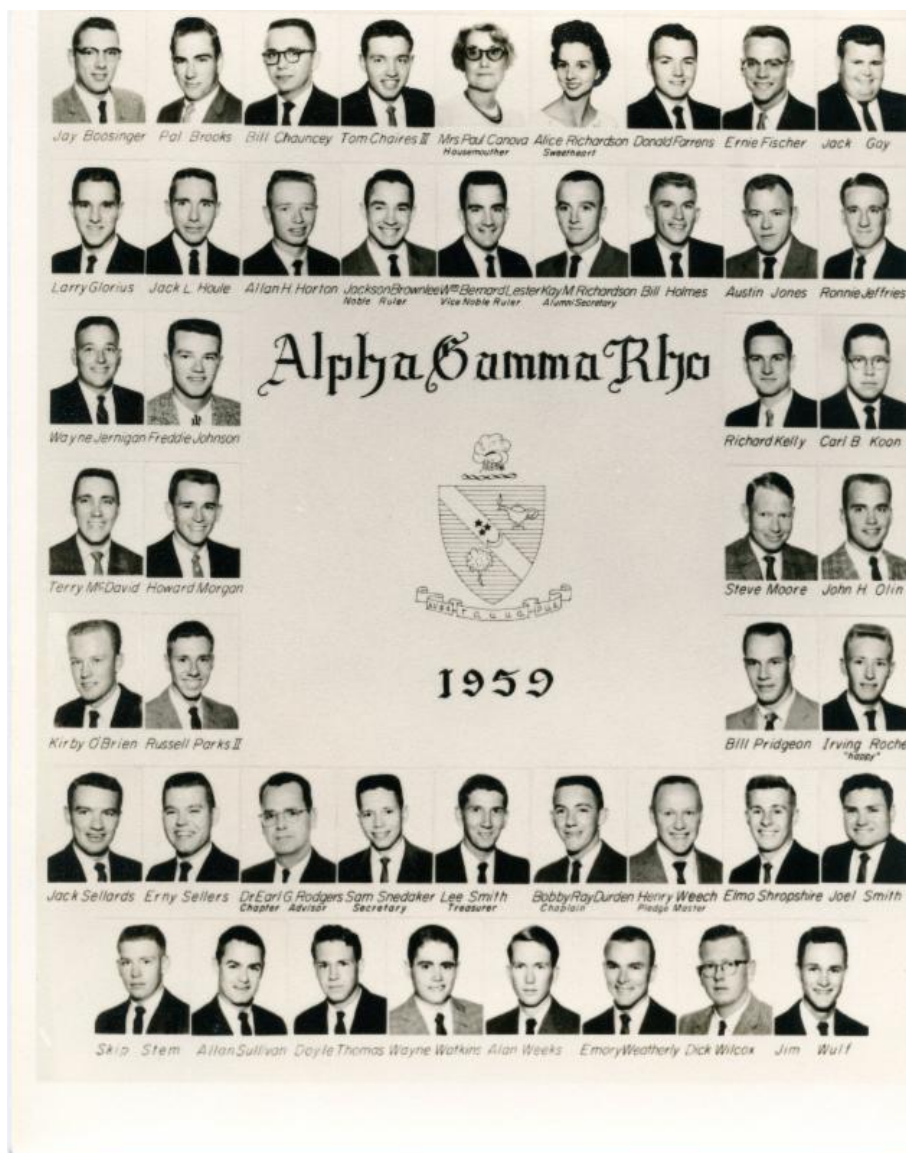
Via the [Lakeland Ledger](#): A memorial may be held at a later date. Condolences can be sent to the family at P.O. Box 4062, Winter Haven, Florida 33885.

Brothers in Public Service

We are proud to highlight several brothers running for reelection or election in service to the state of Florida. Learn more about their work and ways to support via the links below. Wishing all the best of luck in their endeavors!

- [Chuck Clemons](#) is running for Florida State Representative Dist. 21.
- [Brad Drake](#) is running for re-election for Florida State Representative Dist. 5.
- [Greg Steube](#) is running for Florida State Senate Dist. 23.
- Congrats to [Jake Raburn](#), re-elected to the Florida House!

Enjoy this Blast from the Past!



We love featuring throwbacks.
Historic AGR photos can be sent to [Ray Hodge](mailto:Ray.Hodge@agr.org).

Share the News!

Know someone who should give this a read? Please forward to a friend!

And if you received this from a friend, [please sign up](#) to keep enjoying e-news!

Submit News!

If you have content to share (brothers in the news, job postings, upcoming events) or suggestions, please send it to Ray Hodge at: southeastmilk@rayhodge.org.

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